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DEMOCRATS' DESPERATE PLIGHT STIRS THEM INTO ACTIVITY.

Uneasy Over Recent Suit for Pay for Hose Wagon and Equipment They Plan Desperate Fight in First Ward.

TALES TOLD OUT OF SCHOOL

About the Famous Junket Trip Are Bobbing Up and the Old Democratic Organization Seeks to Get Men into Council From the First Who Will Help Them Out of Difficulties.

The old Democratic organization in Connellsville, for years a power that dotted every effort to break it at the polls, has shied its castor into the ring and will make a fight at the primary tomorrow. The old organization in Town Council is in a desperate plight. There are breakers ahead. The suit of the Combination Lumber Company against the borough Council for several thousand dollars was not opposed and a decision was ordered.

SHOT IN BAR.

John McCarty of Allegheny Discharges Weapon and Scares People Who Were Handy

John McCarty of Allegheny, who says he is a brazier for the Bell Telephone Company, created a scare at a Water street hotel yesterday afternoon by discharging a pistol into the wall of the toilet in the direction of the bar. McCarty had been drinking and made an effort to sell the pistol to Jacob Santemeyer, a bartender. Santemeyer refused to buy the weapon and ordered McCarty out. McCarty went to the toilet and then fired the shot.

The police were hastily summoned and every one kept out of McCarty's way. He left the bar room and went to the New Second Hand store on Water street where he disposed of the weapon for 50 cents. Chief of Police Rottler caught up to him in the B & O station and arrested him.

McCarty said this morning that he carried the pistol on long trips into the country when repairing pipes. He is in the hotel and it is from this necessity that he has been to the bar room to buy the pistol. He will be released after paying him for drunkenness otherwise he will have to answer for carrying concealed weapons and reckless shooting.

FIVE KILLED

In Disastrous Early Morning Fire in Baltimore City—Many Firemen Were Injured.

United Press Telegram

BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 21.—The fire which started early this morning in 7 Regulators Sons Company Brass Foundry, was only checked after causing the firemen's death probably fatal injuries of Chief Geo. W. Horton to 22 firemen and a half a million dollar loss.

All the killed received such injuries in a collision between two engine companies. Other buildings damaged were the Baltimore Bell & Brass Works, Flynn & Emertic Company, City Hall Annex, B & R Reed Son Company and the William Hollingsworth Company.

It was the largest fire since the great conflagration of February 1901. The dead are Lieutenant Frederick H. Harmon, Engineer, William B. Pugh and three unidentified firemen.

WANT CONSOLIDATION.

Bridgeport Council Will Start the Ball Rolling to John Brownsville.

UNION TOWNS, Jan. 21.—Proposed being prepared which will be present at the next meeting of the Bridgeport Council for the consolidation of Bridgeport and Brownsville. The resolution calls for the subject to be put to the vote of the citizens of Bridgeport.

It is said that Bridgeport is anxious to annex to Brownsville but that Brownsville citizens object to the con-

A Leap Year Party.

Miss Linda Deal delightedly entertained a large number of her friends at a leap year party last evening at her home in Greenwood. The evening was spent in various games and music until a late hour when a pretty appointed luncheon was served.

TO TAKE SUPPER.

W. C. Mullin Will Entertain His Comrades of the Frick Veteran Association.

William C. Mullin will entertain the Frick Veteran Association at the Arlington Hotel at a six o'clock supper Saturday evening. The members of the Association have started a very pleasant custom in each member entertaining the other members every one in a while. These little affairs are always quiet and usually follow a meeting of the veterans.

Good fellowship and a substantial repast make the evening a pleasant one and there is never any speech making or long drawn arguments but plenty of cheerful happy talk.

Fair Weather Promised. Fair Weather Promised. Fair weather and Saturday, the noon weather bulletin

An Infant Dead

An infant child of B. J. and Lutherine McCarty died yesterday at the family residence No. 208 North Pitts street. Arrived late Saturday afternoon at St. Joseph's cemetery.

Mrs. J. R. Balsley Stricken.

Mrs. J. R. Balsley of New Haven was stricken with paralysis this morning, about 10 o'clock at her home on First street. Her right side is paralyzed and her condition is serious.

Pavements Slippery.

Many hard falls will be suffered on the slippery pavements of our today

B & O CASE

Against Two Cent Rate L. W. Will Be Pressed in Fayette.

Fayette county will undoubtedly have an opportunity of writing in the constitutionality of the two cent passenger rate law on which the Supreme Court passed recently. It is in the interest of the Pennsylvania railroads.

Following the passage of the bill in Baldwin & Ohio railroad brought proceedings in this county, similar to those brought in Philadelphia by the Pennsylvania and the hearing has been peremptorily stayed by the decision in the Pennsylvanian case.

The meeting was a most enjoyable one, the visiting guests were Mrs. W. G. Gorman and Mrs. Samuel Schell.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday afternoon February 6 at the home of Miss J. R. Morris on Race street.

LABOR CAMPS RAIDED

Twenty Men Taken to Dunbar and Two Are Held for an Assault.

ANOTHER RAID THIS AFTERNOON

In the Hope That Officers Will Get Some Clue to the Men Who Killed Foreigner at One of the Camps Early Part of the Week

DUNBAR, Jan. 21.—A raid was made this afternoon on the labor camp of foreigners, a short distance below this place, and 20 men were taken into custody. County Detective Alex McBeth and State Police Allen G. Wiggin were in charge of the raid. Two of the men arrested are alleged to be the men who recently murdered socialist Mr. Molinski by a cut at the camp. All of the men taken to the office of Sheriff Morris, are Joseph Morris and Walter Kowalsky.

These men were taken to jail by Squibb Cottin about 9 o'clock.

Albanian men were brought along as witnesses. A strong effort is being made by the officers to get information which will lead to the arrest of the man who killed Mike Levi by the early part of the week.

When County Detective McBeth and State Police Wiggin announced that the men who were under arrest that night were not to be held, the men were released.

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OFFICES ARE DAMAGED

Fire in Sigo Office Building Causes a Loss of About \$500.

STARTED IN THE PACKING ROOM

Burned Through First Floor But Fire men Checked It Before It Spread Through the Building—Damage From Smoke and Water.

Fire in the office building of the Sigo Iron & Steel Company yesterday afternoon caused about \$500 damage. The fire started in a small packing room in the basement of the building and burned through the first floor. Several office chairs and desks were consumed and one office room was badly damaged by the flames. All the offices were badly damaged by water and smoke. The second floor was only damaged by smoke the flames not reaching that portion of the building.

The fire department responded very quickly to the alarm and did excellent work. The entire police force were on hand and kept the crowd in line. They also prevented the whole sale entrance of people into the building after the fire.

The origin of the fire is unknown. Manager McConnell states that there was no light of any kind in the room and the furniture was too far removed from the place where the fire started to cause the blaze. He is inclined to think that a match might have dropped on the floor and mice chewing it caused the flames to start in the packing material.

TEMPLE'S TELEGRAM.

Company at Duquesne Theatre, Pittsburgh, Comes to the Soissons on Monday Evening

Patrons of the Soissons Theatre here get a Pittsburgh attraction on Monday evening. Miss Temple's Telegram, which is appearing at the Duquesne Theatre, finishing all of this week has a week of one night stands next week, and the same company comes to the Soissons Monday evening.

The play pleased immensely a big house at the Colonial last season and with the No. 1 company appearing here Monday evening it will likely be great with a big house. One Pittsburgh critic says: "Laughter has been activated at a rate for the cap. If this treatment is really fiction it suffers from the fashionable affliction should make haste to reach the Duquesne Theatre. There is a laugh in every line of Miss Temple's Telegram which opened its third curtain here last night. The popular farce was welcomed by enough shrieking and laughter to have done justice to a much larger audience, could it have been crowded into the house last night."

\$800,000 FIRE.

Charge is Made Against George Hartzell Who Alleged His Wife Sued Died.

United Press Telegram. PITTSBURG, Jan. 24.—Three weeks after George Hartzell's wife had been buried at a suicide certificate was given. Hartzell today was held by the Grand Jury charged with murdering his wife.

Hartzell was arrested a week ago following the statement alleged and made by his mother-in-law to the effect that he killed his wife. The body of his wife was exhumed and a post mortem examination revealed that wound back of the ear which the coroner's jury determined could not be self-inflicted. Hartzell strenuously maintained his innocence.

CONSTANTINE DEAD

Succumb to Injuries Resulting from Attempted Suicide. CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—(Special)—Frank Constantine who was convicted of Mrs. Frank Gentry's murder, is dead.

Seven days ago he jumped over the railing surrounding the cell then in the Joliet penitentiary, landing on the cement floor below never regaining consciousness.

FEAR FATE TODAY.

Detech Case Will be Concluded This Afternoon.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 24.—(Special)—Andrew Jackson Detech charged with the murder of his wife's admirer Harry Devine will probably know his fate today. Attorney Clemens, counsel for the defense has already concluded his address and the prosecutor Taitano is now summing up for the State.

May Escape the Guillotine

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 24.—(Special)—The State Prison Board met today and took up the case of Atlanta. However, the Augusti murderer, unless the Board decides to let him go, will be executed next Monday and he will be the first white man hanged in Richland county in over half a century. Gentry's crime was the murder of Maud Williamson a mill worker on October 19, 1906. It does not furnish the motive for the crime.

RIFLE PRACTICE.

The Government's Plan to Make Good Shots

Special to the Courier WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 24.—In the plans of the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice and the National Rifle Association meet with the approval of Congress, a great impetus will be given to school boy rifle practice in the United States. A tournament recently held in New York City recently met with such complete success that when the Board of Directors of the National Rifle Association assembled in Washington, it was unanimously agreed that Congress should be asked to an appropriation to further the work among the school children. The more one shooting of the Amputee's corps, and the navy team, which was composed almost exclusively of young men, at Ann Arbor, compared with that of the school boys at Crockett and Sen. Cat, and in the miniature range at the recent semi annual show has demonstrated that lads from 16 years old upward can taught to handle the rifle's rifle to precision.

WIFE MURDER.

Portland Visited by a Disastrous Conflagration Which Destroys Fine City Hall

United Press Telegram. PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 24.—A big fire is all that remains of Portland's \$500,000 City Hall, which was destroyed by fire early this morning. The blaze was fanned by a howling blizzard which raged from 9 o'clock until 10 this morning.

It was not under control until the Chestnut Street Methodist Episcopal church was also considerably damaged. The Union Mutual block also caught fire but the fire was extinguished upon the arrival of the fire department from Biddiford, Bath, Lewiston and Auburn.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Live Local News From All Parts of the Town.

J. D. Shekler was a business man in Uptown yesterday.

Chase & Gandy, District Manager of the Pittsfield Company, was

here from Uptown yesterday in the

interest of the company.

Must be sold three dozen even-

ets, facing south and reduced.

See also D. G. Dyer, 112 Main Street.

Mr. Harry Cooley of Pittsfield was

at the Pittsfield Hotel yesterday.

Mr. F. S. Loughran of Pittsfield was

at the Pittsfield Hotel yesterday.

Mr. William Dull and son, of Pittsfield, were here yesterday in the

interest of the Pittsfield Company.

Miss Mary Clegg, of Pittsfield, was

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FRIDAY EVENING, JAN. 24, 1908.

NOT POLITICS
BUT BUSINESS.

A highly interesting primary contest is promised in the First Ward to-morrow over the nomination of a Democratic County ticket. A portion of the Democrats want to nominate the Republican candidates on their ticket, and thus practically make the election of the latter unanimous.

This seems like a strange proceeding on its face, but in the light of the facts it is a very natural thing for honest Democratic citizens seeking honest borough government to do.

During the past year the Town Council has been deadlocked most of the time because of the fear of the Republican members that the old Democratic methods of graft and extravagance would be continued. One Republican member joined with the Democrats in many of their positions and thus made the deadlock. Whether he did so as a matter of conscience or a matter of interest has been variously construed, but it may be said of his action that while it was at no time seriously detrimental in the public interest, it had the effect of arousing the suspicion of his Republican colleagues and causing the deadlock. This was unfortunate, but not necessarily evil.

Perhaps upon the whole it worked out for the public good. Certain it is that the past year has been characterized by economy in public expenditure which has not been known for some years. This is highly gratifying to the taxpayers, and it is natural that they should want this condition continued. They feel assured that it will be to two good Republicans, no man unaffiliated with the old Democratic Plunderbund, are chosen from the First Ward at this election.

That is the reason why the Democratic friends of good government in the First Ward want to make it unanimous for the Republican nominees for Town Council. It is not a matter of politics, but of business.

ITALIANS
COOD AND BAD.

The movement on the part of the intelligent, honest and law-abiding Italian citizens to root out and keep out of this country as far as possible the criminal Italian classes will meet with the sympathy of all good American citizens.

There is no doubt but that some of Italy's Undesirable Citizens find their way into this Land of Freedom to its manifest hurt and to the manifest hurt of the Italian reputation for good citizenship.

The Italian race should not be judged by the acts of the few. The Black Hand Society, for example, is not representative of the Roman race. The great majority of the Italians, who come hither to try their fortunes are honest and industrious and peaceful and they make some of our best citizens. They should be encouraged for their own worth, not condemned because of the acts of desperadoes.

There are bad Americans as well as bad Italians, and good citizens deplore the existence of either.

TWO-CENT FARE LAW
SHOULD BE REPEALED.

The two-cent fare bill has not been declared unconstitutional, it seems, but only inapplicable against the Pennsylvania Railroad Company because the latter has shown that it cannot carry passengers at two cents per mile with reasonable profit to its stockholders.

But all other railroads will have to show the court that they, too, are unable to carry passengers at the two-cent rate with profit.

It ought not to be necessary for other railroads, especially the smaller railroads, to go to the expense and delay of this litigation. If the Pennsylvania can't afford it, it stands to reason that the others can't afford it either, and this hardship should not be put upon them.

The legislature should repeat the law and permit the question to be equitably considered on its individual merits by the State Railroad Commission.

THE NEW HAVEN
FIREMEN'S RELIEF.

The formation in New Haven of a Firemen's Relief Association indicates that the people across the river are satisfied with their volunteer fire department and desire to strengthen it by every reasonable and businesslike method.

The relief association cannot be too highly commended. It is a measure of self-preservation. The firemen propose to help themselves and not be dependent upon the charity of the borough or any body else.

Nevertheless, it will be a proper and graceful thing for the borough to contribute some measure of support to the relief association.

The Connellsville volunteers might copy the New Haven idea with profit to themselves.

The steel mill reorganization means that the assets for steel rails cannot be divided until longer and that realizing this fact the railroad companies are getting in line to quick delivery when the order is placed. This will depend upon the forthcoming national campaign. Nothing but the threat of Bryan can stop the upward movement and the price of rails may go through the roof. We will keep you posted as the future may be discounted in 1908 as it was in 1901.

The Beautiful is working overtime.

It seems that Durbar is suffering from floods instead of highways, but the town is not much improved over the other.

The Stigo scrap-dealers were doing a whale of business.

No bids have thus far been received for the proposed school bond issue. Bonds are quoted at 5% and new school bonds are of the opinion that we will get a sum of money within the next few months. Unless the School Board receives a fair bid for the bonds, perhaps it would be better business policy to wait and then go to the market for the present and then let them later.

Vanderbilt borough authorities are making some of the undesirable methods of Connellsville government.

It promises to be a Winter Primary right.

President Roosevelt is indignant because the members of his cabinet and government employes are a "peculiarly active" in politics. A Democrat set the example of opposing such political activity, but Colonel Bryan will be more than that is one of his solid policies.

The "marching" industry is not encouraged in Connellsville.

The three marines who got stranded on the banks of the Yough at Midland perhaps drew too much water for the sentimental swim.

The B. & O. officials have cut a safety lemma.

The foreign exodus still continues but in less numbers. The indications now is that the tide will be long before it does the other way.

Old King Winter was just around the corner, "marching" to the back door. Underwear shop is to take under longer and longer by the end of the year. From long experience The Uniontown paper would have talked the center of the cold region away from Connellsville at the time the Pennsylvania press had not them made than half way.

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Brownsville's claims to the Klondyke coke center are reinforced by its proximity to the Pittsburgh and the United Mine Workers, and he never gave the miners better advice.

"Keep your agreements," were among the best words addressed by President Hughes to the miners, and he never gave the miners better advice.

Governor Hughes is a candidate for President, not aggressively but positively. To use his own expression he is strong, and the New York as well as Ohio is behind him. In the meantime, however, Pennsylvania is solid.

Dunbar hold-ups are becoming increasingly less frequent.

Dynamiter Hickman is full of life in spite of the fact that he is full of holes. Justice will see how full of holes he is, and new full he should be filled with punishment.

Somerset is having troubles of its own.

The Congressional fight is on in Washington county. There may be legal opinion in the right, but the fight is not optional. It will be fast and furious from this time forward.

The Fayette County courts will work with volunteer lawyers next week. A willing worker always makes good.

The Sentidale Steelworkers' Benefit Association is a union against which no objection can be offered by employees.

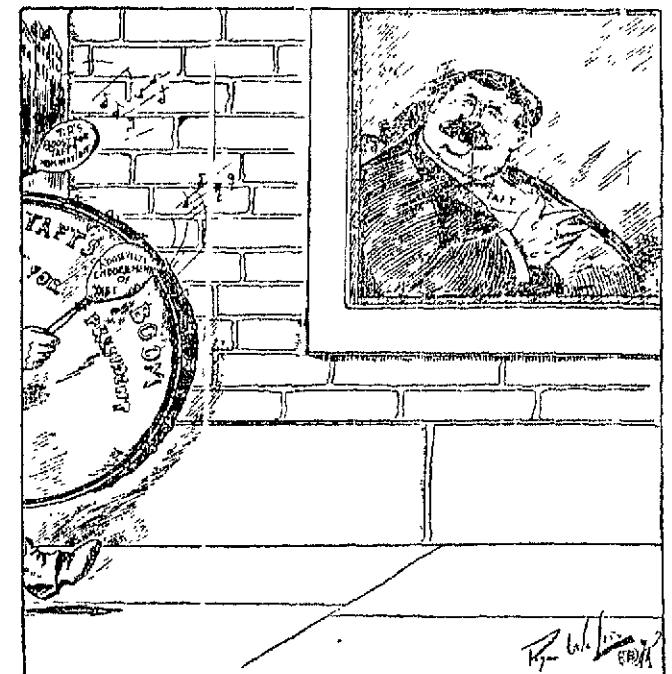
Barack No. 15 betrays no signs of barb, but it should not be confused with Baccarat.

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"Then hadn't you better—I beg your pardon? You have not asked me to advise you."

"No, I may ask your advice some day. Will you give it when I do?"

"With pleasure," said Plank, so warmly disinterested, so placidly proud and eager to do a service that Steward, surprised and touched, found no word to utter.

Plank rose, Steward attempted to stand up, but had trouble with his crutches.

"Please don't try," said Plank, coming over and offering his hand. "May I stop in again soon? Oh, you are off to the country for month or two? I see. You don't look very well. I hope it will benefit you. Awfully glad to have seen you. I hope you won't forget me entirely."

"I am the man people are forgetting," returned Steward, "not you. It was very nice of you to come. You are one of very few who remember me at all."

"I have very few people to remember," said Plank, "and if I had as many as I could desire I should remember you best."

Here he became very much embarrassed. Steward offered his hand again.

Plank took it awkwardly and went away on tiptoe down the stairs which crept elegantly under his weight.

And that ended the first interview between Plank and Steward in the first days of the latter's decline.

The months that passed during Steward's absence from the city began to prove rather eventful for Plank.

He was finally elected a member of the Pabstons club without serious opposition; he had dined twice with the Kemp Ferralls; he and Major Detherer were seen together at the Cathedral dance and in the "Globe" box at the opera. Once a respectable newspaper reported him at Tuxedo for the week's end; his name, linked with the energy, frequently occupied such space under the column headed "Ecclesiastical News" as was devoted to the progress of the new chapel and many old and new began to become familiar with his name.

At the right moment the Mortimers featured him between two fashionable bishops at a dinner. Mrs. Venetia, who adored bishops, immediately recommended him among those added to her favorite menu; but, however, a celebrated churchman admitted him to membership, a whole series of excellent minor clubs which really included new members followed him, and soon the reprobate Leland boasted of its own the honored immortality; it played the preliminary fiddle which boded well for the solid candidate.

Xen, he was doing well, for that delicate beauty, Sylvia Lands, whose complexion's pervercity had recently astonished those who remembered her in her first season as a sweet, reasonable, and winsome girl, was always friendly with him. That must be looked upon as important, considering Sylvia's unassimilable position and her kinship to the autocratic old lady whose Gladly house had for generations remained the undisputed law in the social system of Manhattan.

At a ball at the Fages, to which Mrs. Mortimer took him, Plank met Sylvia. Her escort, Ferrall, nodded to him pleasantly. She leaned forward from Ferrall's arm, saying under her breath: "I have saved a dance for you. Please ask me at once. Quick! Do you want me?"

"I—no," stammered Plank.

Ferrall, suspicious, stepped forward to examine Plank, then turning to the girl beside him: "See here, Sylvia, you've dragged me all over this house on one pretext or another. Do you want my supper, or don't you? If you don't it's our dance."

"No, I don't. No, it isn't. Kemp, you know me."

"That's a nice thing to say. Is it your delicate and inimitable way of giving me my congé?"

"Yes, thank you," nodded Miss Lands. "You may go now."

"You're spoiled, that's what's the matter," retorted Ferrall wrathfully. "I thought I was to have this dance. You know it."

"I said 'perhaps,' because I didn't see Mr. Plank coming to claim it. Think you, Kemp, for finding him."

Her nod and smile took the edge from her malice. Ferrall, who really adored dancing, glared about for any body to dance with.

Sylvia, standing beside Plank, looked up at him with her confident and friendly smile.

"You don't care to dance, do you? Would you mind if we sat out this dance?"

"If you'd rather," he said, so wistfully that she hesitated; then with a little shrug laid one hand on his arm, and they swayed out across the floor together into the scented white.

Plank, like many weary men, danced beautifully, and Sylvia, who still loved dancing with all the ardor of a schoolgirl, permitted a moment or two of keen delight to sweep her dreamily from her purpose. But that purpose must have been a strong one, for she retured to it in a few minutes and, looking up at Plank, said very gently that she cared to dance no more.

Her hand resting lightly on his arm, it did not seem possible that any pressure of hers was directing them to the conservatory, yet he did not know where he was going, and she was familiar with the house, and they soon

"I think so."

"Is he wounded?"

Plank said dolorously, "I should be if my interests were locked up in Amherst Electric."

"Could you tell me why that would worry you?" she asked, smiling her sunshiny eyes across at him.

"No," he said, "I can't tell you."

"Because I wouldn't understand?"

"Because I myself don't understand."

She thought awhile, brushing the rose velvet of her mouth with the fan's edge, then, looking up confidently:

"Mr. Steward is such a boy. I'm so glad he has you to advise him in such matters."

"What matters?" asked Plank bluntly.

"Why, in financial matters."

"But I don't advise him."

"Why not?"

"Because he hasn't asked me to, Miss Lands."

"He ought to ask you. He must ask you. Don't wait for him, Mr. Plank. He only likes a boy in such things."

And, as Plank was silent:

"You will, won't you?"

"Is he what—make his business my business without an invitation?" asked Plank so quietly that she flushed with annoyance.

"If you pretend to be his friend, is it not your duty to advise him?" she asked impatiently.

"No; that is for his business associates to do. Friendship comes to grief when it crosses the frontier of business."

"That is a narrow view to take, Mr. Plank."

"Yes, straight and narrow. The boundaries of friendship are straight and narrow. It is best to keep to the frontier—*not* to walk on the grass or trample the flowers."

"I think you are sacrificing friendship for an epigram," she said, a flush of the undercurrent of contempt to her voice.

"He said he was very pleasantly, perfectly undecided and convinced of her purpose—purpose never even faintly adapted between them, and the old loneliness came over him again—not content, for he was willing that she should use him. Why not? Others used him, everybody used him, and if they found no use for him they let him alone. Mortimer, Plesswood, Teller—*all*, all had something to extract from him. It was for that he was tortured. He knew it. He had slowly and unwillingly learned it. His trust in these people of whom he was not one, would be ensured only while he might be turned to some account. The hospital used him, the clergy found plenty for him to do for them, the museum had room for other pictures of him. Who among them all had ever sought him without a motive? Who among them all had ever found himself pleasure in him? Not one.

He wished she would come to her point, but he dared not lead her to it too abruptly, because her purpose and her point were supposed to be absolutely hidden from his thick and credulous understanding. It had taken him some time to make this clear to himself.

Passing from suspicion through chagrin and overwound feeling to duality that she, too, was using him, laudably enough from her standpoint, but how bitterly from his!

"I am the man people are forgetting," returned Steward, "not you. It was very nice of you to come. You are one of very few who remember me at all."

"I have very few people to remember," said Plank, "and if I had as many as I could desire I should remember you best."

Here he became very much embarrassed. Steward offered his hand again.

Plank took it awkwardly and went away on tiptoe down the stairs which crept elegantly under his weight.

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A DEATH BED SECRET

At Last Clears Up an Old Murder Mystery in Kansas.

DAUGHTER KILLED HER FATHER.

David T. Tennyson Shot Before His Eldest Son Was Victim of Girl Whose Love Affair He Objected To—She Died Shortly After Murder.

Special to the Courier.
TOPSKA, Kan. Jan. 24.—"George I. is the cause of father's death, don't tell any one unless you have to." So above confession written and signed on his death bed by Flora Tennyson will it be believed clear up the mystery which has surrounded the murder of her father, David T. Tennyson, which occurred on February 21, 1904, near the town of Frankfort in Marshall county about 60 miles north west of this city. For nearly two years the authorities have endeavored to unravel the mystery and obtain the necessary evidence against the guilty parties.

The murder occurred on the Tennyson farm one mile east of Frankfort. On the night of the crime Mr. Tennyson and his wife, who were elderly people and well to do, were sitting in the living room of their home. A daughter Mrs. Flora Brock, who had however, been separated from her husband and who went under the name of Flora Tennyson, was sitting in the room with her parents. The only other members of the immediate family who lived with the parents was George Tennyson, aged 21 years. He went to town that night. A little before eight o'clock Flora went to her room, which was upstairs.

Mr. Tennyson sat near the center of the room with his back to Miss Flora, and was reading a paper. Suddenly there was a thunderous explosion accompanied by a crash of glass. The concussion extinguished the lamps in the house and stunned Miss Tennyson, who believed that a bomb had exploded. When she recovered from the shock she groped her way to her husband and his daughter about half an hour later just getting ready to retire for the night. The daughter was unharmed by the explosion. She afterwards stated that she thought that it was a shot gun fired by a neighbor to scare the coyotes from his sheep.

Mrs. Tennyson and her daughter hurried down stairs, when they found the father dead, lying limp in his seat. A hole in the back of his head near the base of the brain told the story of the shooting.

The authorities learned of the crime that night and at once took up the search for the murderer or murderers. Bloodhounds were put on the case and special detectives employed, but never was sufficient evidence brought to light to justify an arrest. A print of a woman's shoe was found right in line with the probable path taken by the murderer. The print matched exactly with Flora's foot. The shoe was located an old shot gun belonging to the family in a storeroom near the house which contained an empty shell. This shell smelled as having been recently discharged and the detectives were of the opinion that this was the weapon used in the killing.

Within a few weeks after the murder of her father, Flora Tennyson was taken sick and died. It was known that before the tragedy she had quarreled with her father on several occasions, because of the predictions of the father to the wife of a young man named Horace Trooper to Flora. But George Tennyson, the son had also quarreled with his father many times over money matters so that so far as a motive was concerned the authorities were unable to make a decision. Soon after Flora's death the son George left Marshall county and bought a farm in Ottawa county. It was the general opinion that when he left Frankfort that he knew more of the tragedy than he cared to tell. But nothing was ever done in the matter and no arrests were made.

Two weeks ago however interest in the famous case was revived by the action of some of the relatives of the murdered man. Accompanied by the Marshall county officers they went to the home of George Tennyson and formally charged him with knowledge of the crime. He was taken to town and severely cross examined for several hours. For a time he steadfastly denied that he knew any more concerning the tragedy than he had already told. Under the sweating process however, he broke down and sobbingly confessed to the secret that he had kept since his sister Flora's death. He said that on the day before his sister died he was sitting by her bed mending her. She had not been able to tell or bear for several days. She made known that she wanted penitence and peace which her brother gave her. She wrote George, "was the cause of father's death don't tell any one unless you have to," which she signed. This written confession George produced from his vault in the Ottawa bank and handed it over to the officers. It is now believed that Mr. Tennyson's objection to the intimacy between his daughter and Horace Trooper prompted the crime and now every effort is being made to find out if any other person was implicated in the murder.

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FACE BIG DEFICIENCY

Representative Tawney Warns House to Cut Appropriations.

Washington Jan. 21.—The urgent deficiency bill occupied the attention of the house to the exclusion of all other business. A surprise was sprung when Chairman Tawney of the appropriations committee warned the members that the country was confronted with the certainty of a \$100,000,000 deficit unless the estimates for the next fiscal year should be cut down materially. A discussion on tariff revision was injected into the proceedings in which leaders on both sides of the house tried to commit one another to a definite announcement as to whether, if successful at the November elections, there would be tariff legislation.

Senator Stone of Missouri presented statistics of government deposits in national banks to show that the distribution of money during the recent currency stringency was not equitable as contemplated by the law governing the treasury department. He declared that the west and south were discriminated against while New York and Boston were favored. Senator Teller declared that the placing of money in New York city during the panic was fully justified. He paid a high tribute to the rich men who he said had promptly offered practically their entire capital in order to stem the tide of disaster in that city which threatened the entire country.

Senator La Follette has introduced a bill to deprive public officials of the United States of telegraph and telephone funds or passes. The bill also undertakes to prevent discrimination in the charges of interstate telephone or telegraph lines and provides for the preservation of all messages for a period of six years.

CALLS FRIENDS OFF

Taft Urges Them Not to Oppose Governor Hughes in New York State

Washington Jan. 24.—Secretary of War Taft is carrying out the policy his managers to follow in other states where there are candidates for the Republican nomination for the presidency. In a letter to Representative Herbert Parsons chairman of the New York county committee of the Republican party he makes it clear that he does not want his friends to prosecute a campaign in New York as against Governor Hughes. The letter which was made public by Representative Parsons runs:

"I am aware that you and many other friends of mine in New York state who are also friends of Governor Hughes have hesitated as to the course to pursue in respect to the Republican nomination for the presidency. I wish you and them to know that as far as I am concerned there should be no embarrassment in this regard. I have uniformly urged friends to me not to attempt to divide in my interest the delegation from any state which has a candidate of its own. Since Governor Hughes has indicated his willingness to accept the Republican nomination I now make the same request of you and my other friends in your state. Moreover I would greatly deprecate a contest which might imperil Republican victory in New York in November. Anything that I can do to avoid this I am anxious to do."

Four Firemen Killed

Furious Blaze at Baltimore Fanned by Bitter Wind

Baltimore, Jan. 24.—The fire which before the (Continued on page 2)

Stuart Greets Farmers

Defends His Action in Cutting Down Highway Appropriation

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 24.—Governor Stuart presided at the annual meeting of the state board of agriculture and made a speech concerning the farming interests of Pennsylvania that they had not been seriously affected by the financial depression. The governor defended his action in reducing the road appropriation by the legislature to provide for better care of the highways. He said that he did not want to reduce the road appropriation for bonds, but he was compelled to do so in order that it might not be necessary to cut the appropriations for public schools, the legislative library and the state hospitals.

A. Kinnapp, of Lake City, chairman of the roads and road law committee submitted a report calling the governor for reducing the road appropriation and recommending that more restrictive laws for automobilia be enacted.

R. F. Schwartz of Ann Arbor showed the alleged weakness of the fertilizer law of Pennsylvania and criticized the state department of agriculture for not enforcing the act. An addendum was made by Horace Seaman of Lancaster on farm labor in which the disadvantages of Italian labor were discussed. The report of the board of specialists was submitted after which the meeting was brought to a close.

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Sharon, Pa., Jan. 24.—charged with assisting prisoners to escape from the Venetia jail, Judge Williams sentenced Frank Perry of Sharon to eighteen months in the penitentiary. It is alleged that Perry helped Mike Rock, William Kirkwood and Ernest Randall to escape. John Morris who is alleged to have had a hand in the escape, was sentenced to four months in the work house.

REVOLT FRUSTRATED.

Premature Attempt to Dethrone King of Portugal and Set of Republic Fails.

POLICE GET WIND OF THE AFFAIR

Raid House in Which Conspirators Are Holding Meeting and Capture Several of the Ringleaders—Plan Was to Assassinate Premier Franco

Lisbon, Jan. 21 (by the courtesy of the Associated Press)—An abortive attempt to overthrow the monarchy and proclaim Portugal a republic was foiled in the bud by the prompt action of the government. The plot was organized by a small group of advanced Republicans. As yet it can be ascertained the plan was to assassinate Premier Franco and then depend upon the support of the army and navy to bring about a coup d'etat.

The conspirators intended to take advantage of various festivities to carry out the coup d'etat. The royal family were at Villa Vicosa, entertaining the Duke of Abruzzi. Most of the army and navy officers who were in the city were attending a gala performance at the theatre while many of the chief functionaries of state were present at a magnificient ball at one of the legations.

The police discovered what was in the wind early in the evening and surrounded and raided a house where the ringleaders in the plot were conferring. When they broke in the doors the lights were extinguished and in the confusion that followed most of the conspirators escaped. Several of them however were captured including the leader, Jose Chagas, a Republican leader who was prominent in the Republican revolt of 1891. Franco, editor of *O Mundo* and a merchant by the name of Grenelha were found in the cellar.

A general alarm was immediately sent out and while the conspirators were being taken to jail troops began to appear from all directions. A squad of cavalry was placed around Premier Franco's house and the night passed without further incident.

From papers captured it was evident that the conspirators was badly organized and premature. As the details of the plot are in the hands of the police other arrests are expected.

Premier Franco has established a dictatorship as the news of the conspiracy may not be learned outside of Lisbon no disturbance are reported.

The powerful section of the Republi-

cans headed by Bernardo Machado apparently is in no way implicated in the affair.

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